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*Application No.:* 10/761,947

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*Invention:* CASTING STEEL STRIP WITH  
LOW SURFACE ROUGHNESS  
AND LOW POROSITY

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*Applicant:* Blejde et al.

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*Attorney*  
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*Examiner:* Len Tran

**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action of January 21, 2005. Also filed herewith is a provisional terminal disclaimer, and a check for the fees for the provisional terminal disclaimer.

Claims 1-26 were originally presented, but claim 14-26 have been withdrawn without prejudice in response to a request for election. Claims 1-13 remain pending in the case without amendment: